judgement of Central Administrative Tribunal is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Law.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise. Eech case will require examination on merit.

Production of Mig-29 Aircraft

1568. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to go in for indigenous production of MIG-29 fighter aircraft;

(b) if so, whether the Soviet collaboration in such production has been sought; and

(c) the details of Soviet assistance in the indigenous production of the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Radiation Hazard in I.N.S. Submarine "Chakra"

1569. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are growing apprehensions that the country's only nuclear-powered submarine I.N.S. "Chakra" is a radiation hazard and that a senior nuclear scientist working on board the submarine died of suspected radiation exposure;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) There is no basis for the apprehension that INS Chakra poses a radiation hazard. During its operation, the radiation safety aspect of the submarine is periodically monitored by an Environmental Safety Committee appointed by the Government. A Board of Inquiry held to investigate the circumstances leading to the death of the late scientist, Dr. A. V. Suryanarayana has ruled out the possibility of his death being due to radiation.

(c) The safety measures, viz. strict control of entry/exit, provision of protective clothing, ventilation, regular monitoring of external radiation doses received by personnel, contamination checks, decontamination facilities, periodic monitoring of personnel for potential internal contamination etc., already in existence are considered adequate for the complete safety of the personnel operating the submarine.

Quality of Drugs

1570. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
DR. DAYANAND SAHAY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation is equally responsible for checking quality of drugs moving in inter-State commerce, as done by the States; and